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**Aiken Residents Recognized by Lt. Governor's Office on Aging**

(Columbia) - Aiken residents and programs picked up three awards Wednesday as part of the observance of Senior Day at the South Carolina State Fair.

Lt. Governor André Bauer presented the 2005 Volunteer Service Award to Judy and Roger Anderson of Aiken, who worked with Kathryn Cunningham of MasterFoods,USA to include Pedigree dog and Whiskas cat food in the Aiken Area Council on Aging's home delivered meals program. Their efforts helped seniors keep their cherished pets, and food was provided monthly for more than 40 dogs and 20 cats. The General Assembly placed the Lt. Governor in charge of South Carolina's State Office on Aging in July of 2004.

"These individuals and the organizations they represent illustrate the dynamic nature of aging in South Carolina today," said Bauer. "Nobody in this group is sitting at home in a rocking chair. Far from it -- they are all active and vital members of their communities. "

The Outstanding Community Intergenerational Award was shared by Aiken County High School "Seniors Club" and the Aiken Area Council on Aging, which together work so that young people can teach seniors about the Internet and computers. The concept of computer training has evolved into seniors and high school students sharing meals at local restaurants.

The 2005 South Carolina Business and Aging Award was presented to Aiken attorney Arthur "Buzz" Rich. Like clockwork, every Thursday for the past decade, Rich has left his law office to deliver meals to seniors through the Aiken Area Council on Aging and to spend some time with each of the recipients. Rich was unable to attend, and his award was accepted on his behalf by Linda Holmes of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

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The Health Promotion for Older South Carolinians Award was presented by Lt. Governor Bauer to Ida Brantley of Denmark, who is a leader in creating exercise programs for seniors in Bamberg County at the Rhoads' Senior Center. She has helped begin Bamberg's PACE program, which is the People with Arthritis Can Exercise program. She motivates seniors to responsible for their health and to make exercise an integral part of a more active lifestyle.

Earnestine Powe of Cheraw received the 2005 Leadership in Aging award from Lt. Governor Bauer. Mrs. Powe works diligently to inform, assist, educate and improve the quality of life for older adults in her community. She serves on numerous boards that disburse information geared towards seniors including CareSouth Carolina, a rural health organization; Vantage Point, an area agency on aging; the United Way of Chesterfield County; the Cash Rural Water Company; and Family Caregiver Program advisory council.

Robert Beckett of Orangeburg, a Purple Heart winner who was a pioneer in his community's Meals on Wheels program and chairs its Habitat for Humanity board when not volunteering for his hospital's cancer center and emergency room, was named the 2005 Outstanding Older South Carolinian. He received the award from Lt. Governor Bauer. Beckett is a retired founder and vice president of Decolam, a charter member of Purple Heart organization and conducted a Bible study for many years at Edisto Convalescent Home.

The 2005 Outstanding Older Worker was presented to 90-year-old advertising account executive Evans Townsend Jr. of Wadmalaw Island. Townsend has worked in advertising since 1955. His first job was a chief accountant for Southern Ice Company in 1936. He has been an active member of many civic clubs and organizations and has exhibited the characteristics of a professional, loyal and dedicated employee and an outstanding member of the community.